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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Food service demand was fair. Retail demand was mixed, but strong in the areas targeted by Hurricane Isabel, with retail outlets fully stocked. Supplies were overall in balance. Processing schedules along the East were reduced for tomorrow and Friday, and may resume operations on Saturday; therefore, attempts were made to move additionally product before plants closed. In the parts structure, wings were tight, particularly heavy sizes, and moving well. Tenders were also tight, but the remaining breast cuts were adequate, and dark meat was available to close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on September 18, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.00
BREASTS - B/S	193.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	85.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading, best for fast food promotions and retail ads. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Although imminent danger is not expected in the South by Hurricane Isabel, deliveries into the affected areas may still be problematic. In the parts structure, wings and tenders continued to show good movement with close to tight supplies. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and breast items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate as dealers attempted to move extra product from areas that were anticipating down time due to the approaching hurricane. In addition, retailers were keeping floor stocks full in preparation for the storm. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate. Dark meat cuts in balanced. Wings and tenderloins were closely cleared.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and wogs were available for the generally cautious and limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand continued mostly light to moderate and irregular; some fast food outlets in the St. Louis area noted good movement into fast food outlets and in Michigan catering was fairly good. Retail features on whole fryers noted in the Chicago area at 59 and 69 cents. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful with several receivers noting cutbacks in commitments were probable. Weights were desirable to occasionally heavy. Trading on parts items was narrow with best trade interest on heavy wings and tenderloins. Supplies of large wings and tenderloins were tight, thigh meat in close balance, all other items were adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and tenderloins, and mostly steady on remaining parts.

**WESTERN** The trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were tight to adequate. Retail demand was fairly good overall best to cover features particularly on parts. Floor stocks adequate for current needs.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 09/13/03		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2003	2002	
EGGS SET	196,147	191,797	+02
CHICKS PLACED	169,258	166,340	+02

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 13, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 13, 2003 were 6.22 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 25-Oct-03 is estimated at 155.0 million head. This compares to 154.7 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.21 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	917	165.00-238.00	165-170	169.96
TENDERLOINS	230	165.00-216.00	165-168	172.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	92.00-103.00	92-95	94.46
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	33.00-53.00	33-34	35.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	614	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	29.00-34.00	30-32	30.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	78.00-91.00	-	87.66
WINGS (CUT)	386	84.00-101.00	-	89.37
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	100	78.00-93.00	-	88.20

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	912	168.00-238.00	170-175	172.99
TENDERLOINS	230	165.00-216.00	165-168	172.37
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	91.00-103.00	94-95	94.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	32.00-53.00	33-34	34.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	634	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	29.00-34.00	30-32	30.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	78.00-92.00	-	88.38
WINGS (CUT)	472	84.00-101.00	-	89.94
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	75.00-94.00	-	85.67

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 - 59.00	56.30	53.50 - 58.50	55.78	56.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was at least moderate as dealers continued to eye the storm carefully and assess their needs. Offerings of breast items were sufficient for current call. Dark meat cuts were adequate to balanced, particularly b/s thighs. Wings and tenderloins were balanced and commanding premiums. Movement through retail and distributive channels were at least moderate and seeing best call in areas that lay within the projected path of the approaching hurricane. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on b/s thighs, tenderloins and wings. Steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **SEPTEMBER 16, 2003** **SEPTEMBER 17, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	177.11	492,060
TENDERLOINS	160-165	165.16	100,529
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	94.00	315,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	90.45	127,160
LEGS	38-39	39.13	285,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.62	374,416
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	39.63	128,760
THIGHS	28-29	38.50	77,200
B/S THIGHS	80-81	83.93	61,530
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	84.75	147,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.37	36,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	32.42	11,130
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	44.09	19,370

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	179.95	403,270
TENDERLOINS	165	166.12	116,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	93.45	272,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.38	159,200
LEGS	38-39	38.69	289,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.12	413,645
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	40.45	100,680
THIGHS	28-29	42.08	88,500
B/S THIGHS	82-83	84.37	46,590
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	80.83	139,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.77	43,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	32.33	13,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	45.04	20,800

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/17	09/16	09/15	09/12	09/10
ALA	4,078	4,085	4,057	4,442	5.02
ARK	5,380	5,311	5,294	5,876	5.14
DELMARVA	2,358	2,286	2,292	2,310	5.43
KY-LA-TN	1,988	1,968	1,976	2,181	5.00
MISS	3,069	3,078	3,024	3,178	5.33
NC	2,433	2,428	2,415	2,659	6.20
TEXAS	2,320	2,363	2,513	2,754	4.98
TOTAL	21,626	21,566	21,571	23,279	5.31
MON-WED 64,789(A)					5.20
					21,468
					5.32

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 9/17 is estimated to be 32,355,000 up 0.4 percent from a week ago and up 0.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,215,000; last year 32,151,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20 SEP-03

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/20/03 (1)	09/13/03
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,097 (2)	160,761
LT HENS	1,253	1,162
HVY HENS	1,523	1,653
CHECK TOTAL	165,873	163,576

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Sep-03 is 158.4 million head compared to 162.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.4 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Sep-03 the estimated available is 159.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/15/03	218,715	48,186
AM 09/01/03	221,358	58,470
CHG	-2,643	-10,284
PCT CHG	-1	-18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	9/15/03	9/08/03	9/16/02	9/15/03	9/08/03	9/16/02
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	21,079	20,615	30,500	5,232	4,639	7,523
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	478	420	1,356	2,768	2,164	3,852

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-63
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-76

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.60	1.12	HEAVY FOWL ea.	5.00	7.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	2.50	5.50	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.00	6.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	1.10	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	7.00	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	5.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.80	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	9.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	.55	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.80	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.75	1.36	DUCKS ea.	5.50	11.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.50	1.15	RABBITS ea.	3.00	3.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	9.00	10.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	6.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	99						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 12, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	47.56	107.52	62.03	12.41	12.41	43.42
High	52.11	115.79	70.30	16.54	16.54	43.42
Mostly	50.45	115.79	70.30	16.54	16.54	43.42

**SAN JUAN**

Low	47.56	107.52	62.03	12.41	12.41	43.42
High	51.69	115.79	70.30	16.54	16.54	43.42
Mostly	50.04	115.79	66.17	12.41	12.41	43.42

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	47.56	107.52	62.03	12.41	12.41	45.49
High	51.69	115.79	70.30	16.54	16.54	45.49
Mostly	50.04	111.66	66.17	16.54	16.54	45.49

**BECERRA**

Low	47.97	107.52	62.03	12.41	12.41	45.49
High	52.93	115.79	70.30	16.54	16.54	45.49
Mostly	51.69	115.79	70.30	16.54	16.54	45.49

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good with some add-on orders noted for delivery in advance of the approaching hurricane. Offerings were in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Most plants were anticipating reduced or suspended operations Thursday and Friday due to the storm and have scheduled processing on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Parts were in generally good balance, except whole breasts which were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64.45
NO. OF BOXES	8,779

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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